

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY

February 2013 – Week 4

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TITLE: THE SOUND OF COURAGE

FEBRUARY 1836 AND COURAGE FINDS A VOICE.

THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY, BROUGHT TO YOU BY THIS STATION AND THE SAVE TEXAS HISTORY PROGRAM OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE.

FEBRUARY 24, 1836. THE ALAMO. COLD AND UNDER SIEGE COLONEL WILLIAM BARRRET TRAVIS CALLS FOR HELP.

Fellow citizens and compatriots – I am besieged by a thousand or more of the Mexicans under Santa Anna. I have sustained a continual bombardment and cannonade for 24 hours and have not lost a man.

I shall never surrender or retreat. Then, I call on you in the name of liberty, of patriotism and everything dear to the American character, to come to our aid with all dispatch.

If this call is neglected, I am determined to sustain myself as long as possible and die like a soldier who never forgets what is due to his own honor and that of his country.

Victory or Death!!!

TRAVIS WROTE HIS FAMOUS LETTER 177 YEARS AGO, THIS WEEK IN TEXAS HISTORY.

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